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Mr. R. J. Julian, Acting Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Julian:

INITIATION OF MIXED WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AT THE MIXED WASTE DISPOSAL UNITS (MWDU)

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office is informing the State of Washington, Department of Ecology that disposal operations will begin at Trench 34 of the MWDU, on September 15, 1999. The MWDU contains two Resource Conservation and Recovery Act-compliant Subtitle C landfills (Trenches 31 and 34 in the 218-W-5 Burial Ground), located in the 200 West Area of the Hanford Facility. Both trenches are currently permitted under interim status for greater-than-90-day container storage and disposal of dangerous and mixed waste. Trench 31 will continue to operate as a greater-than-90-day container storage area.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me, or you may contact Elizabeth M. Bowers of my staff on (509) 373-9276.

Sincerely,

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